

Ukrainians are not ready to give away their land, to accept that these territories belong to Russia. This is our land.

I could not agree more. In fact, it goes beyond Ukraine. President Putin will conquer as much of the former Soviet empire as we let him. We must stop him here in Ukraine.

With regard to sanctions, the EU is still using Russian oil and gas, sending roughly \$870 million a day to help fund the Russian war machine.

We have the capacity here in the United States to help our partners and shore up our domestic energy production—not only important for Americans to get the cost of gas down with more supply, but also critical for our allies.

We are seeing some small progress, but much more needs to be done to reduce this reliance on Russian energy. By the end of this year, we expect coal and oil to be phased out. The United States must do its part and increase our energy production, while at the same time be a leader in developing new energy technologies that can help reduce emissions and increase national as well as global security.

This is not either or. It should be all of the above. We should be producing what we need right now to ensure that Europe can stop its dependency on Russia and sending this almost a billion dollars a day to fund the war machine, but at the same time we should be producing energy from all sources, including green energy, including nuclear energy.

And like sanctions and military aid, when the United States leads, the world tends to follow. But most importantly, our allies and enemies watch us.

This is true with regard to a revived NATO right now. In fact, in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as we talked about earlier, both Sweden and Finland have applied to join NATO, shunning off long histories of neutrality.

In Brussels, NATO Ambassadors, on July 5, signed the accession protocols that put them a step closer. Now, all 30 NATO nations will review their applications for ratification. Canada, Estonia, Denmark, Norway, and Germany have already ratified Finland and Sweden's applications. Let's join them. Let's do it this week. Let's do it through an expedited procedure and just get it done. I look forward to voting in favor of those applications in committee and on the floor.

We cannot forget that Russia has claimed this war started because Ukraine wanted to join NATO. Of course, they did. They reaffirmed that in 2014 when they threw off a corrupt Russia-backed government. They are looking westward to Europe, to us, to freedom, to democracy. They want to join NATO and the European Union and form ever-closer bonds with the transatlantic community.

I have long believed that NATO deserved a NATO membership action plan

to provide a clear path to eventual NATO membership, and they have made significant progress in doing this. This brutal invasion is just Russia's latest attempt to throw that progress off course. We must not be deterred.

Now, as we enter the fifth month of this war—I have come down here every week to talk about it—we have seen the resilience and the fortitude of the Ukrainians. Even as their brothers and husbands go to fight for the homeland, the women of Ukraine are incredibly brave as well, and I have seen them at the border with Poland; I have seen them at the border with Moldova; and I have seen them as they come to the United States and talk about what is going on in their country. They know this is the fight, during our generation, where democracy is on the line. How this war develops will have far-reaching impact on the entire globe.

In Ohio, I see this all the time. A couple of weeks ago, I was in Cleveland for what was called "Amplify the Voice: A Benefit Concert for Ukraine." We had 1,000 people come to this beautiful Severance Hall, which is the music center for the Cleveland Orchestra, and one of the premier orchestras in the world, by the way. They made the center available to the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus to perform to, again, an audience of people who were Ukrainian Americans but also from every nationality, particularly the nationalities communities, as we call them in Cleveland, which would be people from Eastern and Central Europe who understand the importance of this fight. So Lithuanians were there; Poles were there; Romanians were there; Hungarians were there—people from all over the region.

The concert raised funds for the United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio's Fund to Aid Ukraine. They are doing great work.

It is amazing how many people who spoke who are doing something to help with regard to Ukraine—medical supplies, armored vests, helping with regard to emergency supplies just so people can have enough food to get by when they are subject to some of these bombings we have seen today.

We also heard a beautiful concert. Ukrainians of all stripes certainly understand what is going on and why this is so important and have for a long time because they know what it is like to live under the thumb of authoritarianism. They broke away from it many times during their history and again more recently in 1991 and again in 2014.

I was in Ukraine after the Revolution of Dignity in 2014, where Ukrainians decided for themselves that they wanted to turn away from Russian domination and turn to us.

I believe we can help them win this time. I am confident of it. That is why I have introduced a bipartisan resolution with Senators Manchin, Murkowski, and Hassan to recognize the U.S. commitment to help rebuild

Ukraine. According to the United Nations Human Rights Council, more than 7 million civilians have fled their homeland, and there has been about \$600 billion worth of damage to Ukraine's infrastructure.

By the way, those refugees, those civilians whom I have met—they all want to go home. And in a sense, it is not perfect to call them refugees because they are really just Ukrainians who are temporarily forced to leave their country, but they all want to go home and rebuild Ukraine.

It is not just a human toll we see captured in images and videos, but people's homes and livelihoods have vanished overnight. So they are going to need help. The countries of the free world are with us, and we have to be sure that they step up, including some countries that were less comfortable providing military assistance that are providing more monetary assistance—some of those countries are really going to need to step up in terms of helping to get Ukraine back on its feet.

Now is not the time for us to back away. We have to be able to win this militarily and then begin the rebuilding. It is not a time for us to be tentative or equivocal. At this critical juncture, let's lead our allies to provide what Ukraine needs to protect their homeland and to defend democracy.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:51 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILANCIY DANIELLE HARRIS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE KARI A. BINGEN.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PHILLIP A. WASHINGTON, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE STEPHEN M. DICKSON, RESIGNED.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS REFORM BOARD

JEFFREY R. GURAL, OF NEW YORK, TO BE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS REFORM BOARD FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ANN MARIE YASTISHOCK, OF PENNSYLVANIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS AND AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU.

MANUEL P. MICALLER, JR., OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN.

KRISTINA A. KVIEN, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA.